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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member is giving very many details about this. I wish he passes over this information to the department so that proper action may be taken."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the immediate cause for the transfer of this work from the Prohibition Department to the Police Department? Are we to understand that the Prohibition Department has completely failed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. This is not a sudden process. Already, the Police officers have been attending to Prohibition work in a majority of districts. We wanted to find out whether it will be possible to work the scheme with the regular police without having a special department. In view of the success of the working by the police in other districts, we are introducing it in the districts where there has been a special department so far."

Construction of a road between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam.

* 370 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the road between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam for a distance of about two miles has not yet been formed; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be formed?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) The stretch between Devadanampettai and Kanakkancuppam is part of the road from Alampoondy to Melavantagal. This stretch is in a bad state.

" (*b*) The District Board will improve the stretch as early as possible."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" We are requesting the District Board for the past twenty years. But the District Board has not taken any steps so far. Will the Government instruct the District Board to take up this work immediately? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Sir, once the road was formed but it was not properly maintained. Therefore, it has deteriorated. Now, the Special Officer has written that he will look into it and see that the road is repaired as early as possible."

Closure of gruel centres.

* 371 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the gruel centre at Madras as well as in the famine-stricken areas in other districts will be continued after the 1st April 1954 ; and